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Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier
Senior Airman Shawn Brown, 2d Security Forces Squadron, guards the Shreveport Gate Wednesday. This post was manned by National Guard soldiers activated and deployed to guard Barksdale since Jan. 30, 2003.

Soldiers end commitment guarding Barksdale assets

STAFF REPORTS

Twenty-four soldiers from the Army National Guard ended their commitment at Barksdale Nov. 12 and returned to their families, homes and full-time jobs.

On active duty since Jan. 30, 2003, these men and women replaced the 156th Armor Unit when it deployed from Barksdale to Iraq, and played a crucial role in providing around-the-clock base security. They served in many different roles including installation entry control, vehicle searches and flightline security.

Maj. Tom Wilcox, 2d Security Forces Squadron commander, marveled at the efficiency of the soldiers and was sad to see them leave.

"The Army soldiers are part of the Bayou warrior family and aided immeasurably in mission accomplishment," Major Wilcox said. "They arrived, jumped in full force and positively impacted our assigned security forces members and the local community. The efforts and success of this total joint force team were apparent at the gates and on the flightline every day — we will definitely miss our Army force protectors."

The soldiers were under the command of Capt. Cody Bredengerd, officer in charge for operations Noble Eagle and Armored Falcon

for the state of Louisiana.

The captain believes the soldiers will fondly remember their time at Barksdale.

"I know the soldiers are looking forward to getting home to their families and putting their lives back in order," Captain Bredengerd said. "However, it will be bittersweet as we leave Barksdale and the friends we have made here — especially those in security forces."

Just as the National Guard supplies soldiers to help guard Barksdale, local Airmen are often tasked to augment in roles to help the other services. One of the most tasked on base is the 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron, whose vehicle operators often provide combat support for Army convoy operations in Iraq.

Maj. Nathan Mooney, 2d LRS commander, has mixed emotions about sending his troops into hazardous environments, but at the same time has seen the benefits when deployed members return.

"While deployed, my folks are able to use many of the skills they learn and practice here at home station," Major Mooney said. "By the time they get back home, they have gained more technical knowledge, as well as a better understanding of how they fit into the overall military mission."

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COMACC prepares for retirement; discusses Air Force

AIR COMBAT COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — Air Combat Command's sixth commander, Gen. Hal Hornburg, retired from the Air Force Wednesday, three years and three days after taking the leadership helm for the command and the air components for both U.S. Joint Forces Command and U.S. Northern Command.

As he approached retirement, the 36-year veteran recalls how it all began as a forward air controller in South Vietnam flying sorties at around 1,000 feet, and

how his experiences throughout his career prepared him for the day he took command of ACC.

"We did a lot of flying (in Vietnam)," he said. "I flew three months worth of flying in one month just covering the Army. We got them out of a lot of scrapes, and they really were appreciative of it. We got to know those people very closely. We lived with them."




But the general said his greatest war story wasn't any of those missions or any particular sortie. In fact, it didn't happen until nearly 24 years later in a different Asian nation.

"It was just the ability to take great men and women from Seymour Johnson [Air Force Base, N.C.] over to Desert Shield and Desert Storm and be a wing commander in combat," he said. "That's something, fortunately, very few people get to do, and I say fortunately because we don't want to be in combat. We want to be preparing for it."

"Every day I was on active duty prepared me for the next day," the general said.

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Weekend Weather

		
Today Mostly cloudy	Saturday Rain	Sunday Cloudy with Scattered T-storms
Hi: 68 Low: 53	Hi: 61 Low: 55	Hi: 61 Low: 49

Courtesy of the 26th Operational Weather Squadron

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B-52s work with ground controllers in Pacific
Controllers point, BUFFs deliver

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Civil engineers keep base running
A look at what the squadron does

Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals			
			
Depicted in hours			
Goal:	408.0	157.6	433.0
Flown:	148.2	57.3	139.6
Remaining:	259.8	100.3	293.4
As of:			
Nov. 12	+3.0	-8.4	-36.4

Courtesy of the 2d Operations Group



'Safe trips start with smart planning' throughout upcoming holiday season

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER
2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

Once again, the holiday season is upon us and it is the perfect time of year to take a deep breath and spend time with family and friends to give thanks for all our blessings. For some of our Barksdale members, this will be their first Christmas away from home. We also have warriors who are deployed, far away from America's friendly shores, doing our nation's business and protecting our freedoms.

Whether deployed or here, we must make sure we keep them all in our hearts and ensure that everyone feels a part of our team performing something very special — serving together in the world's greatest Air Force.

Many of you, along with the rest of the country, will spend the holidays traveling and I urge you to be extra careful, especially if you are driving long distances. Safe trips always start with smart planning and must include a pre-departure safety briefing. Please make sure you don't drive too far per day, know where you are going to stay and take the time you need to arrive alive. It is just as important to do the same detailed preparation for the way home — you want to get back to Barksdale safe and sound.

Let's also ensure the holidays remain a time of celebration and not one that has tragic consequences. Take care of each other and stay actively



involved to prevent drinking and driving, ensure people wear seat belts and follow the speed limits while maintaining our situational awareness to events happening around us. We cannot afford to lose a single person or family member over this holiday season; it will take a concerted effort from everyone to achieve that goal.

Finally, as we reflect back over the past year we can be proud of our many accomplishments and successes. Every unit here, including the mighty 8th Air Force, 917th Wing and 2d Bomb Wing has contributed to Barksdale's legacy of excellence. It has been an awesome performance across the board!

So, have a joyous holiday and return safe and rested because 2005 is going to present new and even greater challenges for the Mighty Deuce. I know we are ready for it; once again we will demonstrate to everyone that all of Team Barksdale remains "Second to None!"

Air Force leaders send Thanksgiving message

WIRE REPORTS

Editor's Note: The following is a Thanksgiving message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper:

Each year, Americans set aside the special day of 'Thanksgiving' to gather with family and friends to count their blessings. At the first Thanksgiving festivals in the Virginia and Massachusetts colonies, the original settlers made praise and prayer for a bountiful harvest and hope for a promising future the centerpiece of their celebrations.

This Thanksgiving, we are re-

minded of the blessings we have as Americans because our nation still holds the promise of bountiful lands and the right of freedom. We enjoy peace and prosperity like no other nation. The rest of the world admires our way of life because America's values are bedrock.

For Airmen, we count an extra blessing around the Thanksgiving table this year: the privilege of serving in the greatest air and space force in the world. By your professionalism, dedication and willingness to answer our country's call at a time of war, you stand as the shining example of strength, courage, and patriotism

for us all. Indeed, as Americans give thanks for their many blessings this Thanksgiving Day, they'll offer their gratitude to you for safeguarding our great nation.

This Thanksgiving Day finds many of our Airmen deployed throughout the world in defense of America and to help give others a chance for freedom. Please remember them in your prayers and make sure their families are taken care of on this special holiday.

We're very proud of you and your families for what you do to protect our cherished freedoms. Happy Thanksgiving. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)

Vision
The 2d Bomb Wing is first ... in peace ...
in war ... to victory!

Mission
Exceptional warriors ready now to provide responsive, flexible and accurate bomber combat power and operational support to warfighting commanders. Anytime, anywhere.

Vector
Total focus on mission excellence
Work together — take care of each other to build trust and teamwork
Offer opportunities for personal and professional wellness and growth

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The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.



Col. Michael Moeller
2d Bomb Wing commander

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Promotions give Airmen leadership opportunities

Leaders must make changes in how they view situations

BY MASTER SGT. KENDALL MARTIN
2D CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON FIRST SERGEANT

This year a portion of our Airmen will be promoted, as many are each year. With each new promotion comes a transition that requires you to put distance between you and your old friends, and join ranks with a new peer group. To top it all off, you will probably leave your comfort zone, which can be unsettling, to say the least.

Your supervisors will no longer consider you one of “the gang,” but expect you to be one of “them,” and you know who “they” are. “They” are the people who expect you to do the job first and play later.

As a young security forces Airman, my first squad leader was Tech. Sgt. Fred Hensel, who scared the hell out of me. I spent all of my time on patrol playing around, trying to hide from him and do as little as possible. He worked

hard trying to keep me, and others like me, on the right path.

In 1998, as a technical sergeant preparing for a permanent change of station, I ran into retired Master Sgt. Hensel at the base exchange. As we talked, I told him I had become what I used to despise — Master Sgt. Hensel.

He looked at me funny, but I explained I was the guy going around making sure the troops were not getting in trouble. I thanked him for his patience with me.

I am a blue-suiter today because he and others like him took the time to watch out for me. Now, I won’t lie; he wasn’t my friend then and he still isn’t today. But as we look back on our careers, most of the good supervisors we’ve had are the ones that were not our friends, but were real supervisors; not ones we thought were cool, but effective supervisors who set standards and held us to them. You have plenty of friends, and your troops will have plenty of friends; they need leaders and leaders come in all ranks.

As a leader and an Air Force member, you are expected to influence the

people around you and make them part of something bigger — part of the team. This will be the hardest part of your job no matter what your career field is.

The days of just doing your job and calling it a day are over. Today’s Air Force requires more from all of us. At all levels, we are challenged to get involved and make life better for all our members, whether it’s through the First Four Airmen’s Association, Team 56, Top Three, or Company Grade Officer council. It means being a part of your squadron booster club or volunteering for Airmen Against Drunk Driving. Choose a program or two and impact someone else’s life.

We can learn a lot from our predecessors, like Gen. George Patton. One of the greatest lessons we can learn from General Patton is what he accomplished with the 2d Corps. The general assumed command of a group of men following a stunning defeat, and he worked to make soldiers out of them. He created discipline from the ground up, paying close attention to the details that compelled the men of his command

to behave like soldiers. He made sure they walked like soldiers, dressed like soldiers and acted like soldiers. At the same time, he made certain that the men with whom he demanded so much were always fairly treated, justifiably praised and adequately supplied with everything they needed to carry out his orders.

General Patton realized discipline is the key to being an effective leader. Each of you may be put in positions where you disagree with the decisions you are asked to enforce and that is ok. The other side of that coin is you should never let your subordinates know you disagree with those decisions. The oath we take says, “I will obey the orders of the president of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me.” It doesn’t say we will always like them. But when we take that oath, we say that we swear to uphold them.

Discipline is vital to your success as leaders and you must ensure your co-workers and subordinates have it also.

You are today’s Air Force and it’s your job to shape tomorrow’s Air Force.



Gen. Hornburg discusses what is next for ACC

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Throughout those days of preparation, General Hornburg has seen the Air Force go through many changes. He scoffs at critics who say the service is not very transformational.

"The Air Force has been the most transformational service of any since its inception," he said. "The first transformation was when we went from conventional to nuclear. Then we went from air-breathing to space. Then we went from non-stealthy to stealthy, and from non-precise to precise. So, we have been transforming our capabilities since we started."

The general said his preferred term for transformation is "vectored evolution."

"We have to have a vector," he said. "We need to know where we're going, and rather than transform, I think we need to evolve. You need to know where you're going to go, you have to know where you are, you have to have a notion of where you want to be, and then the plan is how we're going to get there."

To spur vectored evolution within ACC, the general established focus areas shortly after taking command. The general said he wanted the command to focus on mission areas rather than programs.

Additionally, another part of evolution results from new situations creating new requirements, and those requirements inspiring innovation, he said. Old systems are being used in new ways every day.

"We always have an operational baseline understanding of how things will be used, but things are being used in different ways because they're in the hands of innovative Airmen," General Hornburg said.

"One great example is going back to the early days of Afghanistan when we were resupplying our Airmen on the ground. Two of the things we had to push out of the back of C-130s to our ground tactical air controllers we never had to think of before were hay for their horses and saddle liniment because our Airmen were on horseback on wooden saddles. We didn't know how to do it, so we said if we do so and so, we'll be able to get this done. The adaptability and ingenuity of the young American is phenomenal. We've got great people with great heads on their shoulders."

That adaptability comes from what the general said is ACC's biggest contribution to the global war on terrorism — its Airmen.

"Trained and ready Airmen bring the capability of their systems as well," he said. "Having trained people rather than just sending rookies has been a fundamental positive impact."

"What we've done as a command has been different than in years gone by, but I think keeping people at the forefront has been something we've needed to do," he said. "People fundamentally understand that people are the most important asset in the Air Force. We have got to continue to work in a very tangible, visible manner to make sure our Airmen know how much they're appreciated."

General Hornburg's focus on people ensured vector evolution also included the equipment they use.

"We're able to fight better because we can command and control our 'stuff' better," the general said. "We've made lots of changes to our airframes. Just in the last three years, we've introduced two new advanced targeting pods. We have introduced the 500-pound Joint Direct Attack Munition, which helps in limiting collateral damage. We've modernized and put new systems and data links onto many of the F-15s that we have. We just continue to modernize. As we deploy the next A-10s over the next aerospace expeditionary force cycle, they will have a precision engagement capability."

"Our capability and our effects-based look at what we do have just really grown. I think it's going to just get better in the next three years. Every year, we're going to have better capability."

Those new capabilities include the F/A-22 and the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. The first operational Raptor arrives here in the spring, and the F-35 is slated for delivery to the Air Force in 2008.

"We absolutely need the F-35," General Hornburg said. "But with every program change, I have to look at spending some of that money to modernize other airplanes like F-15Es or F-16s. Specifically for STOVL, short takeoff and vertical landing, you'd have to look at keeping the A-10s around a little bit longer if we're not going to get the STOVL variant. So every time there's a fundamental programmatic shift, it causes me to rethink what our legacy fleet ought to look like."

"In general, the less new 'stuff' we have, the more old 'stuff' we have to modernize and keep," he said. "To me, that means we're going to need to recapitalize and modernize our legacy fleet. We make the argument we don't need as many airplanes tomorrow as we do



Gen. Hal Hornburg
Air Combat Command commander

today because those airplanes will have greater capability. But there is a floor beyond which we can't go or that capability will be diminished."

No matter what the make up the future airpower fleet, General Hornburg said cost will drive the Air Force to make difficult choices between weapons systems.

"These are issues that will always cause pressures on the defense budget," he said. "Defense doesn't come cheap and America's going to get what it pays for, so the debate has to be how much do we need. Every waking day, we are as good stewards of the American taxpayers' dollar as we possibly can be and do our very, very best not to waste a dime. There are just too few dimes to go around."

With the general's retirement, the flight lead for that stewardship passes on to his successor. General Hornburg said the new commander will come in with his own ideas on how to do things.

"I'm glad for the command that I'm leaving at the time I am," he said. "I think it is time for a new guy to come in here with fresh ideas. Change is good for an organization. Whatever he does, he's got my full support, as I had the support of my predecessors."



News briefs

Legal readiness

The 2d Bomb Wing Legal Office will prepare wills for active duty and reserve members and their family members Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, and Dec. 10 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. For an appointment, call 456-2562. Will appointments are also available every Monday and Thursday.

Commissary holiday hours

The commissary will be open Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

FSC closure

The Family Support Center closes today from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for an official function.

Flu vaccines

The 2d Medical Group has a limited supply of the flu vaccine, which is available from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays, and Fridays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Call the flu hotline at 456-6378 for information about who is eligible to receive the vaccine.

Happy 40th anniversary

Mr. Willie Holmes of the Barksdale Inn

celebrates 40 years of dedicated service to Barksdale and 2d Services Squadron. He received a certificate, a 40-year pin and a gift from the lodging staff Wednesday.

Retirement**Master Sgt. Jeff Smeby**

Master Sgt. Jeff Smeby, 26th Operational Weather Squadron, retires after 25 years of dedicated service in a ceremony today at 2:30 p.m. at the Dougherty Center. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Airman 1st Class Stephen Petche at 456-0204 or Staff Sgt. Donald Sill at 456-4778 for more information.

AMU of the quarter

Lt. Col. Ed Kramer, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, presented the 2d AMXS Aircraft Maintenance Unit of the Quarter trophy to the 11th Aircraft Maintenance Unit officer in charge, Capt. Greg Johnson, at a recent commander's call. The AMU of the quarter competition between the 11th AMU, the 20th AMU and the 96th AMU recognizes the top producer in 2d AMXS.

2d BW holiday party

The holiday party for the 2d Bomb Wing is Dec. 10. Santa and his or her elves will be

picked based on who gets the most votes from 2d BW members. Contact 1st Lt. Marlis Cook at 456-4193 or 1st Lt. Anthony Bean at 456-3195 for more information.

Tree lighting ceremony

The Barksdale tree lighting ceremony is Dec. 2 following the retreat (around 5 p.m.) at the front steps of Chapel One (or inside if the weather is bad). Contact Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Warren Bridgeman at 456-2111 or Mrs. Winona Gillespie at 456-8400.

Airmen cookie drive

Bring some holiday cheer to base dorm residents for the annual Airmen cookie drive scheduled Dec. 17. Cookies can be dropped off at the Chapel Two annex between 7 and 9 a.m. Dec. 17. For more information, or to help out with the event, call Mrs. Bonnie Woodie at 746-0836.

Third party collection program

Members visiting the 2d Medical Group clinic are encouraged to identify any additional health insurance providers. All non-active duty military beneficiaries are required by law, 10 U.S. Code 1095, to complete the Third Party Collection Program, Department of Defense Form 2569, Record of Other Health Insurance, annually, even if

the member does not have other health insurance. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Danielle Garcia at 456-6055.

Job opening

The consolidated dorm management office has an opening for a highly-motivated, seasoned staff sergeant. The duty includes facility maintenance, supervision of bay orderly crews, and interacting with squadron supervisors and first sergeants. Packages are due Dec. 1. The applicant must be able to report for duty Jan. 3. For more information, call 456-3698.

Santas in Blue

Individuals or groups can sponsor a foster child through the Santas in Blue program that coordinates with area social workers and local businesses. Sponsors purchase a \$30 item for the Santas in Blue party Dec. 20. Call Staff Sgt. Kristina Barrett at 456-5505 for the appropriate unit representative.

Paper deadlines

In observance of the upcoming holidays, The Bombardier will not be published Nov. 26, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

The deadline for the Dec. 3 issue is 4 p.m. Wednesday, and deadline for the Jan. 3 issue is 4 p.m. Dec. 23.



Master Sgt. Michael Farris/353rd SOG PA

A combat controller with the 320th Special Tactics Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan, "walks-in" an airborne B-52 to the target at Chandy Range, Lop Buri, Thailand, Oct. 29.

Base B-52s, combat controllers connect putting steel to target

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

CHANDY RANGE, Lop Buri, Thailand — During Exercise Balance Torch, B-52 bombers belonging to the 20th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron Buccaneers flew from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, to Thailand to participate in combined operations with Thai ground forces, the Royal Thai Air Force, and the 320th Special Tactics Squadron from Kadena Air Base, Japan, Oct. 28-29.

The exercise provided an opportunity for all sides to practice integrated operations with dissimilar forces. While the B-52 force is very experienced with ground and air operations, the opportunity to work with foreign forces was a unique opportunity for the squadron.

Following aerial refueling, the B-52s were handed off to the 320th Special Tactics Squadron. The ground forces primary objective was ensuring that the B-52s knew where they were located. Using in-flight tracking software and 5-meter imagery, the B-52 crews were able to determine exactly where the "friendlies" were in relationship to the targets.

Out of nowhere, a seemingly innocuous, 500-pound inert bomb plowed through a target on a hillside at the range Oct. 28, rekindling a relationship between the brilliantly resilient B-52 Stratofortress and Air Force combat controllers in the Pacific. The contrails behind the "BUFF" dissipated slowly as it banked off to the east for its long flight back to Guam, but the emerging relationship between heavy bombers and ground controllers is likely to endure.

"The training here is just one rung on the ladder toward complete integration between the B-52s and the Battlefield Airmen of the 353rd Special Operations Group," said Maj. Brett Nelson, commander of the 320th Special Tactics Squadron.

"I never really imagined that two months after finishing my training at the 11th Bomb Squadron, I would be the aircraft commander for a sortie drop-

ping bombs on foreign territory," said 20th EBS pilot Capt. Dave Lane.

Maj. Dan Luce, a B-52 planner with Guam's 36th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, said working with ground controllers on close air support is an emerging concept within the Air Force.

"Battlefields have evolved over the years and Air Force weapons systems must keep pace," he said. "The B-52 provides long legs, extended loiter time and an amazing array of weapons that can support friendly ground troops. We're able to complement the fighters nicely."

The accuracy of precision-guided munitions has allowed the B-52s to enter the fray when friendly troops are in contact. Major Luce said close air support in Afghanistan provided a lot of momentum and confidence toward realizing that these old dogs might indeed have a few new tricks.

From the ground controller's perspective, speed and altitude are the primary differences between familiar fighters and America's bombers.

"A lot of the discovery process between the B-52s and ground controllers has been documented," a combat controller on Chandy Range said. "We're learning what information the aircrews require, and they're learning what information we have to offer."

During Cobra Gold 2004, B-52s flew dry passes over the range and put eyes on targets. During the current series of exchange training events, they dropped inert bombs with fantastic results. As the relationship matures between the Pacific's expeditionary bomber force and ground controllers with access to targets, enemy prospects diminish significantly.

The exercise was a spectacular success, proving yet again the capabilities of the B-52. Major Nelson summarized the sorties outcome best, stating, "This demonstrates our ability to conduct long-range, time-sensitive precision strikes to deny terrorist sanctuaries in this theater."



Courtesy photo

Keep an eye on the road: Accidents around the bollards at the Shreveport Gate have increased according to the 2d Mission Support Group. Measures have been taken to reduce the problem, including a soon-to-be implemented 5 mph speed limit while approaching the bollards at each of the gates.

Five receive Articles 15

2D BOMB WING LEGAL OFFICE

Five Barksdale Airmen received nonjudicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice from Nov. 4-10.

A senior airman failed to return to his duty section following training and was derelict when he used his personal cell phone within the weapons storage area. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman first class and 30 days correctional custody.

A senior airman was disrespectful to an NCO and communicated a threat to senior leadership. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman, reduction to airman first class,

and forfeiture of \$668 pay a month for two months.

An airman first class was disrespectful to an NCO. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman basic, reduction to airman, and 25 days extra duty.

An airman first class was derelict in the performance of his duties when he did not follow procedures while driving a government vehicle. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman and 30 days extra duty.

An airman first class reported to work late and incapacitated for duty. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$150 pay a month for two months and 30 days extra duty.

Soldiers made Barksdale home during deployment

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Major Mooney says he is proud of all of his troops, both those who deploy and those who keep the shop alive in their absence. Of those that deploy he says, "they have more than stepped up to the plate and made every member of this squadron, the wing and our country proud with their performance at these dangerous locations."

While on Barksdale, the soldiers did not rest on their laurels; they participated in many base events and exercises including Global Cajun, Global Lightning, and the 2d SFS's semi-annual Force on Force exercise.

Before leaving, the soldiers accumulated four Air Force Achievement Medals, three Army Achievement Medals and an Army Commendation Medal. The National Guardsmen participated in numerous service events including volunteering for the 8th Air Force Museum Adopt-A-Plane Program, a clean-up day at the officers' club, and the Halloween walk. One of the soldiers, Sgt. Martin Marquez, also participated in STARBASE, an educational program for local children. For his superior performance and participation in the local community, Sergeant Marquez was awarded the 2d SFS's Soldier of the Year Award.

2d CES electrical power production, ready whenever

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

Even power outages can't stop the mission of the mighty 2d Bomb Wing — thanks to the work of the 2d Civil Engineer Squadron's electrical power production shop. "We install, operate and maintain all emergency backup power generators to mission critical facilities supporting Barksdale," said Master Sgt. Patrick Holder, NCO in charge of the shop. "We also maintain the fire suppression systems on base and one aircraft arresting system."

The shop's generators are not just fired up when the base has no power, but also for special events where there is not a sufficient power supply available.

"We also use our generators for base functions, for example Tops-in-Blue, air shows and Patriots Day," Sergeant Holder said. "We

are also ready to help in the local community during emergencies like natural disasters and other emergency response incidents."

Electrical power production's job is similar when deployed.

"When deployed, we provide and maintain prime power to the deployed area," Sergeant Holder said. "So if our assets are set up we provide prime electrical power."

"We also support aircraft operations by installing and maintaining mobile aircraft arresting systems and remote area lighting for security checkpoints," Sergeant Holder said.

The shop is also responsible for the aircraft arresting system. The aircraft arresting system is a cable that runs across the runway and is designed to catch smaller aircraft such as F-16s and F-15s. The system is kept out of the weather in two sheds that sit across from each other on the south end of the flightline.

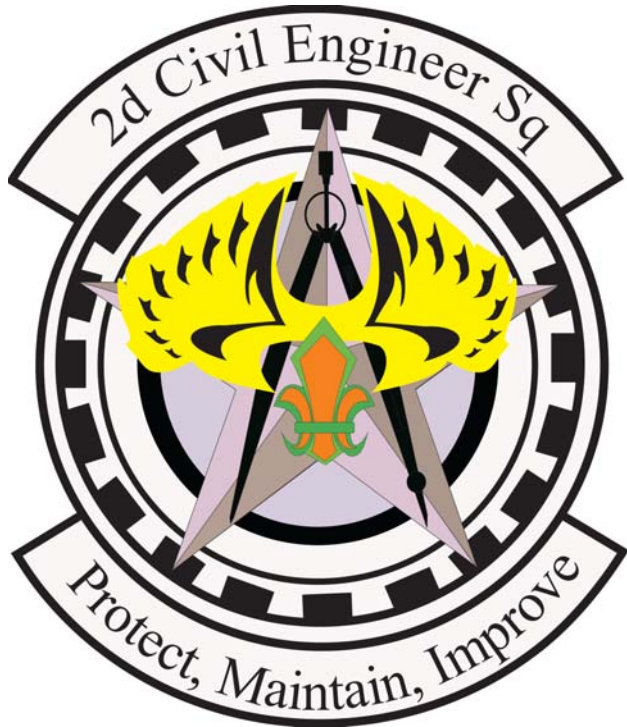
"The aircraft arresting system we have at Barksdale is similar to the ones commonly seen on the Navy's aircraft carriers," said Airman Mark Graber, 2d CES. "We normally only hook the cables up when there is an air show or an exercise where smaller aircraft use the system when landing."

Another responsibility of the electrical power production shop is the fire suppression systems. The fire suppression systems are engines that pump large amounts of water during fire emergencies in areas such as the hangars and the weapons storage area.

"If the sensors go off the engines fire up and start pumping gallons of water automatically," Sergeant Holder said.

The Airmen working in the shop enjoy working together to accomplish the mission.

"We enjoy working with each other, and when the time comes we work hard to get the job done," Airman Graber said.



Airman 1st Class Kelli Werner, 2d CES, opens the lid on the product recovery tank in the bulk fuel storage area. The product recovery tank keeps water out of the fuel to ensure only clean fuel goes to the aircraft.



Airman 1st Class Pawlik, 2d CES, performs preventive maintenance on a generator near Barksdale's flightline. The electrical power production shop is responsible for the generator.



Airmen 1st Class Mark Graber and Mario Pawlik, 2d CES, conduct a test on the aircraft arresting system. The system is stored in two small sheds on the south end of the flightline.



Airman 1st Class Michael Martin, 2d CES, checks one of the fuel tanks on a fire suppression system near a hangar on Barksdale's flightline.

Photos by
Airman
Brandon Kusek

Liquid fuels: keepin' fuel flowin'

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

B-52's can't fly on air alone. The 2d Civil Engineer Squadron's liquid fuels shop repairs, inspects, modifies and maintains Barksdale's liquid fuels storage systems, which assists in pumping an average of 180,000 gallons of jet fuel a day.

"We don't put the fuel directly into the aircraft but we maintain the systems that make the process possible," said Master Sgt. Robert Hosford, liquid fuels superintendent.

The liquid fuels shop works closely with Airmen from the 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron who take the fuel to the jets.

"There is a lot about our job that we get to show the 2d LRS people," said Airman 1st Class Andrea Rippetoe, 2d CES liquid fuels. "It shows how everyone needs to work together to accomplish the mission."

The shop performs preventive maintenance on two aircraft refueling systems, one air launch cruise missile fuel system and a conventional air launch cruise missile fuel system.

Members of the shop are also in charge of maintaining the large bulk storage and delivery systems.

"The fuel storage tanks hold more than 1 million gallons of fuel each," Sergeant Hosford said.

Sergeant Hosford, who has only been in the shop a few months, is grateful for of the work the Airmen do.

"The systems we maintain are outstanding, the Airmen do a great job of making sure they're kept that way," he said.

"I love working close to the flightline and being able to see every aircraft take off because I know I did my part to make that happen," said Airman 1st Class Kelli Werner, 2d CES.

"Without helping get fuel to the aircraft, pilots are just pedestrians," Sergeant Hosford said.



Above: Airman 1st Class Andrea Rippetoe, 2d CES, checks a light-bulb on fuel stand three. The light tells drivers that their truck is in position to pump fuel.

Left: Airmen Werner and Rippetoe perform checks and do any preventive maintenance that might be needed on different gauges in the fuel yard.



Airman Tabitha Wininger/2d CS

Lt. Col. James Blackwood of 49th TES gets doused with water after reaching the 5,000-flying hour mark Nov. 9.

49th TES pilot logs 5,000 flying hours

BY STEPHANIE BEMROSE

THE BOMBARDIER

Lt. Col. James Blackwood II, 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron director of staff, has reached the 5,000 mark for flying hours Nov. 9. Members of the squadron hosed him down and gave him a 5,000-hour pin and certificate for the accomplishment.

"Achieving 5,000 flying hours was more common back in the Vietnam era," Colonel Blackwood said. "Today, there are not as many overall sorties, though each sortie is longer than it used to be." He knows of only one other pilot at Barksdale who has more flying hours than he does — Maj. Eric Johnson of the 20th Bomb Squadron.

According to 49th TES Commander Lt. Col. Barry Sebring, in today's Air Force probably no more than 10 percent of aviators achieve the 5,000-hour mark in any airframe.

"Traditionally, 20 years ago, B-52 aircrews were trained by instructors who had 6,000-7,000 flying hours," Colonel Sebring said. "Nowadays, you consider yourself fortunate if you can reach the 3,000 hour milestone in a 20-year career."

"Most Airmen don't have an opportunity to continually fly," Colonel Sebring said.

"Traditionally, flyers go to the staff at the mid-point of their career,

then back to flying for a short period and then return to a staff or non-flying job for their final years in the Air Force," Colonel Sebring said.

Because Air Mobility Command has been flying heavily for the past 15 years, more of their pilots there would have more flying hours, Colonel Blackwood said. "But in bombers, there's not that many."

Colonel Blackwood continues to enjoy his time with the B-52.

"The B-52 is a good old airplane that takes care of you — in a way. It is very reliable, very sturdy," the colonel said. "I like the fact that because it's an older airplane, we have to rely on our wits and situational awareness, which is knowing what's going on, and mentally picturing the situation and employing weapons from that picture. It's not all digitized."

Colonel Blackwood also likes the people and having a crew.

"The people with whom I fly the B-52s are great. They are the most knowledgeable aviators around," Colonel Blackwood said.

"We are extremely fortunate in the 49th TES to have Colonel Blackwood's experience available for our advanced weapons tests and nuclear weapons evaluations. His low-level flying skills are relied on to train newly assigned members in the fundamentals of B-52 terrain avoidance flying — a capability only resident in this test unit,"

Colonel Sebring said.

For 49th TES missions, Colonel Blackwood is usually the aircraft commander and at times, can also be the mission commander or test director. If the planes are flying in formation, Colonel Blackwood is the flight lead. During flights, he is responsible for dropping weapons, flying the plane and handling communications.

"We'll continue to employ his airmanship and procedural knowledge in the fielding of new capabilities for the B-52 until his planned retirement in June 2005," Colonel Sebring said. "He has reached a milestone most aviators can only dream of ... and we in the 49th TES are proud to be part of it!" Colonel Sebring said.

Colonel Blackwood will be flying a 20-hour sortie Tuesday from here and back to bomb a ship in Hawaii with laser-guided bombs. The mission will include an eight-and-a-half-hour-flight there, a three-hour mission of firing a laser at a target and dropping a bomb that flies to the reflected energy from the laser, and then fly eight-and-a-half-hour-flight home. This is a new capability for the B-52, allowing the crew to shoot its own laser to guide the bomb by putting a targeting pod on the right wing. If there are no delays in the mission, he will be home for Thanksgiving.



Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!

Family: Wife, Ruth

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

Unit: 2d Civil Engineer Squadron

Job title: Electrical power production

Job description: Install, maintain and repair energy backup generators and flightline aircraft arresting systems

Most rewarding job aspect: Being able to take part in the base honor guard

Goals: To finish my degree and make senior airman below-the-zone

Hobbies: Hunting and fishing

What motivates my winning attitude: Working in a squadron where your work is greatly appreciated

Favorite sports team: Cincinnati Bengals

Favorite meal: Steak and potatoes

Favorite movie: The Patriot

Person I admire most: My dad

What I like most about Barksdale: My squadron

Pet peeve: Slow drivers in the fast lane

If I could change anything about



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Airman 1st Class Mark Graber

Barksdale, it would be: To put a gym and swimming pool on the east side.

Most influential person in the Air Force to you and why: Tech. Sgt. Larry Simpson because he sets the level of excellence and strives to ensure all Airmen reach that level. My brother, Senior Airman Joe Graber, because he has shown me how to be a great Airman and was a big influence on me joining the Air Force.

2d Civil Engineer Squadron at a glance

Squadron commander:
Lt. Col. Steven Hammock
First sergeant:
Master Sgt. Kendall Martin

2d Mission Support Group commander:
Col. Colleen Duffy
Squadron motto:
Lead the Way

Services events

For more information about 2d Services Squadron events, check their Web site at www.barksdaleservices.com

Gourmet night

Enjoy gourmet dining at the officers club on New Year's Eve. A hosted cocktail hour is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. Guests may enjoy wine, shrimp cocktail, romaine lettuce, mandarin orange and coconut salad, succulent rock lobster with drawn butter and choice beef tenderloin, oven baked seasoned potato, baked tomato with fresh garden greens, and amaretto sundae for dessert. After dinner there is a beverage cart and champagne. The all-inclusive cost is \$29.95 for members and \$34.95 for non-members. Reservations are required. Call 456-4926 for reservations.

Dining closures

Due to holiday special functions, all evening dining and Sunday brunch is closed for the month of December. The officers club will open for a special all ranks gourmet dinner on New Year's Eve. Call 456-4926 for more information.

Holiday tour of lights trip

Travel with Gifts and Getaways to Natchitoches, La., for the Festival of Lights Dec. 20. The festival is located in the Landmark District on the Cane River. Transportation to and from the event is included for \$17 a person. Call 456-1866 for reservations.

Thanksgiving Day buffet

Enjoy the Thanksgiving buffet Nov. 25 at the officers club. The menu features carved steamship round of beef, oven roasted turkey, corn bread dressing, honey baked ham, whipped potatoes and gravy, candied sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, au gratin potatoes, buttered

corn, seasoned green beans, California vegetable medley, coleslaw, potato salad, carrot and raisin salad, fresh green salad and dressings, homemade dinner rolls and assorted desserts. Seatings are at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Reservations are required by noon Nov. 24. Walk-ins are welcome but pay an additional \$2. Members pay \$9.95 for adults, \$4.95 for ages 6-12 and free for children under 6. Non-members pay \$3 more. Call 456-4926 for reservations.

Saints vs. Cowboys trip

Gifts and Getaways hosts a trip to Texas Stadium to see the Dallas Cowboys vs. New Orleans Saints football game on Dec. 12. Guests get round-trip transportation on a luxury chartered bus and a game ticket for \$100. Call 456-1866 or stop by Gifts and Getaways in the base exchange mall to sign up.

Arts and crafts contests

The arts and crafts center hosts an arts and crafts basewide competition through Dec. 8. Drawings, paintings and various crafts compete with others from Barksdale. Winners' projects will compete against the winners at other bases in Air Combat Command. Entry is free. Awards will be presented Dec. 10. Call 456-3140 for details.

The arts and crafts center also hosts a basewide photography competition through Dec. 8.

Photographers compete in several categories. Winners' photographs may be chosen to compete against the other bases in Air Combat Command. Entry is free. Awards will be presented Dec. 10. Call 456-3140 for details.

\$8 Tickets to the coolest game in town!

Upcoming home games:

Nov. 19 Tulsa
Nov. 20 Oklahoma City
Nov. 26 Ft. Worth
Nov. 27 Memphis

All home games played at CenturyTel Center in Bossier



only at *Gifts & Getaways* in the BX Mall, 456-1866

Santa's Showcase

Barksdale's premier holiday event!

Dec. 4
10 a.m. to
4 p.m.

**Earn
holiday
cash!**

**Vendors
wanted!**

**Hundreds of
military shoppers!**

10 x 10 booth \$40
10 x 20 booth \$78

**To reserve a space, register online at
www.barksdaleservices.com or call 456-6955**

**at
Hoban
Hall**

**Ginger
Bread
Creation
Contest**





At the movies

For recorded show times and movies, call 456-3666 or visit the AAFES Web site at www.aafes.com.

Movies are subject to change without notice. Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Admission: Adults \$3, children \$1.50 (Information and photos courtesy of www.movieweb.com)



"Friday Night Lights"

Rated: PG-13

Playing: Today at 7 p.m.

Run time: 110 minutes

Cast: Billy Bob Thornton, Derek Luke

Synopsis: Based on the book by H.G. Bissinger, the movie chronicles the entire 1988 season of the Permian High Panthers of Odessa, Texas, with football players, coaches, mothers, fathers, boosters, fans and families struggling with ongoing personal conflicts while the team fights for a state championship.

"Shark Tale"

Rated: PG

Playing: Saturday at 7 p.m.

Run time: 90 minutes

Cast: Will Smith, Robert De Niro

Synopsis: The sea underworld is shaken up when the son of the shark mob boss is found dead and a young fish named Oscar is found at the scene. Oscar takes advantage of the situation and makes himself look like he killed the finned mobster. Oscar soon comes to realize his claim may have serious consequences.



"Taxi"

Rated: PG-13

Playing: Sunday at 7 p.m.

Run time: 119 minutes

Cast: Queen Latifah, Jimmy Fallon

Synopsis: Belle, a talented New York City cab driver, is asked to partner with police officer Washburn, the worst driver on the New York Police Department. Her skills behind the wheel and souped-up car help Washburn pursue a gang of female bank robbers.

Chapel information

Chapel One: 275 Barksdale Boulevard, East

Chapel Two: 724 Douhet Drive, 456-2111

Catholic services

Confession, Chapel Two, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Confraternity Christian doctrine, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One, Mondays through Fridays, noon

Catholic Women of the Chapel, Chapel Two Annex, every third Sunday of the month, 2 p.m.

Protestant services

Liturgical communion service, Chapel One, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Community worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Inspirational gospel worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, noon

Family night, Chapel Two, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

Festival of Carols concert

The Festival of Carols concert is Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at Chapel Two. Call the chapel secretary or Mr. Collis Thorn at 456-2111 to sing in the choir. Rehearsals are Mondays at 7 p.m. at Chapel Two.

Red River Inn dining facility

Flight Kitchen, 456-4769

Red River Inn, 456-8367

Items subject to change

TODAY

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers

Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti

SATURDAY

Brunch — Ribeye steak, Cajun meatloaf, baked chicken

Supper — Pork chops, fish almondine, stir-fry chicken

SUNDAY

Brunch — Sauerbraten, tuna and noodles, chicken breasts

Supper — Spinach lasagna, barbecued chicken, fried shrimp

MONDAY

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, knockwurst

Dinner — Baked ham, fish and fries, roast turkey

TUESDAY

Lunch — Yakisoba, Salisbury steak, lemon-baked fish

Dinner — Barbecued beef, pork chop suey, paprika beef

WEDNESDAY

Lunch — Beef porcupines, chicken enchiladas, Caribbean-jerk chicken

Dinner — Country-style steak, pita pizza, fried chicken

THURSDAY

Lunch — Liver, tempura-fried fish, spiced pork chops

Dinner — Pepper steak, ginger pot roast, baked chicken

Nov. 26

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood Newburg, veal steaks

Dinner — Pot roast, corned beef, pineapple chicken

Family Support Center

Located on the corner of Kenney Avenue and Curtiss Road, 456-8400.

Reservations required for all events.

Airman's Attic free shopping days

Do some holiday shopping at the Airman's Attic. Active-duty members can shop Dec. 8 from 2 to 5:30 p.m., spouses Dec. 9 from 2 to 5:30 p.m., and children Dec. 10 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Single active-duty members are allowed one gift; single active-duty parents are allowed one gift per child; married active duty members are allowed one gift for the spouse and each child; spouses are allowed one gift for the spouse and each child; and children are allowed one gift for each parent.

Cyber center

The Family Support Center has 10 computer stations available for use with Internet, e-mail, and self-help software programs such as Discover, Scholarship Resource Network, Power Pay, Personal Financial Management and Mavis Beacon typing test. The cyber center is open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for various base agencies. Child care may be provided. Call the Family Support Center to find out more about volunteering opportunities.

Military Family Month

November is Military Family Month. The Armed Services YMCA sponsors an art contest for children in kindergarten through sixth grade and an essay contest for first graders through high school seniors. Winners will receive U.S. Savings Bonds.

Marriage checklist

If marriage plans are in the future, come by the Family Support Center for a marriage checklist to help with the "to do" list. It lists things to do before and after marriage, such as obtaining a marriage license, planning a budget, chapel arrangements, ID cards, base decals, DEERS enrollment, updating emergency data cards (Department of Defense Form 93), Tricare, life and auto insurance and legal considerations.

Personal, family readiness briefing

A personal and family readiness briefing is scheduled Thursday at 2 p.m. The Family Support Center's readiness team provides information and support during a time of separation. This briefing is meant to prepare active duty, spouses, family members and significant others for deployment.

Parents and tots playgroup

The parents and tots playgroup is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Two annex.

This informal play group enhances the social skills of pre-school children while improving parents' knowledge of child development and parenting skills through sharing with each other.



8th AF squeaks past 2d AMXS

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK
THE BOMBARDIER

Eighth Air Force edged 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron during Monday's intramural football game 22-20 at the sports and fitness center football field.

It was the second consecutive loss for the defending base champions.

"Tonight we had the game and let it slip away; two or three plays beat us," said 2d AMXS quarterback and coach Aubrey Williams. "We have to 'put up or shut up' the rest of the season."

The 8th AF started with the ball but couldn't produce anything. After the exchange of possession, 2d AMXS methodically moved the ball into 8th AF territory, but their hopes of scoring were squashed when 8th AF defensive back Francisco Rivera intercepted Williams' pass in the end zone.

Rivera's interception gave 8th AF the ball on the 20-yard line. Taking control of his team, 8th AF quarterback Louis Cusimano led his team down the field and scored on a 10-yard pass to receiver John Croston. The two-point conversion was no good and 8th AF took a 6-0 lead.



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Eighth Air Force quarterback Louis Cusimano tries to avoid being downed by a 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron defender.

Not to be outdone, Williams capped off a 60-yard drive with a 17-yard touchdown pass to receiver Stacie Cochran. The one-point conversion was good giving 8th AF the ball back, down 7-6.

With limited time on the play clock, Cusimano went to the air, but the 2d AMXS defense stepped up and got the ball back after only a few downs.

Williams tried to score once more before halftime but 8th AF defensive back Kristoffer Scott intercepted Williams' first pass.

With only enough time for one play Cusimano threw the ball into the endzone and was intercepted by 2d AMXS defensive back Matthew Smith. But 8th AF was given another shot at the endzone after a defensive holding penalty. The pass was dropped and the game went to halftime.

Eighth AF coach Jovan Scott felt good about his team's first half performance.

"The first half went really well except for a few minor mistakes," Scott said. "We knew we would play better in the second half."

The second half started with Williams finishing off another 60-yard drive himself on a 10-yard quarterback scramble. The one-point conversion was good and 2d AMXS led 14-6.

Two plays later, 2d AMXS safety Zach Bachmann intercepted Cusimano and returned the ball to the 8th AF 20-yard line.

Eighth AF stood up and made a strong defensive stand, keeping 2d AMXS out of the endzone on 10 consecutive plays and took the ball back on their own 15-yard line.

Proving their coach right, Cusimano connected with receiver Rob Smith on a 5-yard dump pass that turned into a 65-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion was good, tying the game at 14 apiece.

On the next series of downs, Williams connected on a 35-yard pass with Cochran for the combination's second touchdown of the night, but the one-point conversion was no good.

After the touchdown the 2d AMXS defense stepped up, stopping 8th AF on four downs.

With time running down 8th AF defensive lineman Andrew Kampa intercepted a tipped pass, giving them the ball deep in their own territory.

Three plays later the Mighty Eighth took control of the game when Cusimano connected with Smith for the go-ahead touchdown. The two-point conversion was good and the Mighty Eighth took a 22-20 lead and held off 2d AMXS in the final seconds of the game.

The 8th AF coach was proud of how his players performed.

"Our players showed major heart tonight," Scott said. "We had everyone on the edge of their seats and we pulled it out."

Intramural football scoreboard

	W	L
2d CS #1	10	0
2d AMXS	8	2
2d MDG	8	2
2d MXS	9	1
2d MUNS	6	4
2d MSS/2d MOS	5	4
8th AF	5	4
2d LRS	5	5
2d CS #2	5	6
2d CES	4	5
20th BS	3	4
AWC/2d SVS	2	9

Editor's note: Security Forces and 11th Bomb Squadron forfeited two of their games and dropped out of the league. Therefore, each team gets a win to make the number of games even, including the teams that did not face off against SFS or 11th BS.